



CITY OF MIAMI BEACH
Office of the City Manager
Letter to Commission No. 112-2005

To: Mayor David Dermer and
Members of the City Commission

Date: April 29, 2005

From: Jorge M. Gonzalez
City Manager

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Subject: WEEKLY UPDATE

The purpose of this LTC is to provide you with an update describing some of the areas the Administration has recently been focusing on:

FY 2005/06 Budget – I continue to meet with representatives from all City Departments to discuss and prepare for the FY 2005/06 budget particularly focusing on the development of Departmental work plans. Discussions with all Departments on their work plans and proposed budgets will continue throughout the next several weeks. A follow-up budget briefing with the entire City Commission is being scheduled for early June.

Major Events Plan (MEP) - Staff continues to prepare for several major events that will be taking place including the Spring Fest 2005 taking place this weekend in Miami but with heavy overflow into Miami Beach and the Memorial Day holiday weekend during the last week of May. Staff met with representatives from Miami Dade County on April 29, including the Police, Fire, Community Relations and Sanitation departments from the County, to continue to plan and allocate shared resources for the busy holiday weekend.

Miami Beach Community Survey – The Hay Group continues to analyze the data collected through the resident survey. Representatives from the Hay Group will participate in the Commission Retreat on May 20 to review the data and provide a comprehensive overview of the survey results.

Public Safety - The Fire Department's annual awards and recognition program took place on April 29 in the Commission Chambers recognizing all rank promotions from the past year as well as presenting various other awards. The Police Department will begin implementing a modified Alpha/Bravo shift beginning on April 29 to ensure a sufficient police response during the Spring Fest 2005 weekend activities.

Channel 20 – Staff from my office and the City Clerk's office continue to meet to discuss expanding the types of programming offered on Channel 20 as well as the more frequent production of relevant Public Service Announcements (PSAs).

Emergency / Hurricane Preparedness – Staff continues to update the City's emergency / hurricane preparedness plans with several follow-up meetings scheduled with relevant staff throughout the next several weeks. Two hurricane fairs are planned to provide residents with information that will help them prepare, the one in South Beach is scheduled for June 5 on Lincoln Road and the one in North Beach is scheduled for June 11 on Normandy Circle.

Labor Relations – Staff from the Office of Labor Relations has been preparing for the next set of Impasse hearings scheduled for next week from May 2-4. Once the hearings are complete, the Special Magistrate will make a recommendation for resolution. If either side rejects the recommendation, the final decision is then routed to the City Commission.

Growth Management – Staff and I met one on one with Commissioners Bower, Cruz, Gross, and Smith to discuss strategies and recommendations for dealing with growth management issues on Miami Beach, particularly as they may relate to the proposed legislation the Florida State Legislature is dealing with. Meetings are scheduled next week with Mayor Dermer, Vice Mayor Garcia and Commissioner Steinberg to discuss these strategies.

Organizational Development – Training on our new enhanced customer service standards continue to take place with staff from throughout the City. The goal of the training is to ensure that all employees receive the proper training and resources to be able to deliver outstanding customer service.

Parks and Recreation – The summer edition of the Recreation Review is being mailed to all residents in the City with a listing of all summer programs and camps. This edition pays tribute to the City's 90th birthday. The second "Movie in the Park" has been scheduled for Saturday, May 21 at Flamingo Park beginning at 7:30 p.m. The Parks and Recreation Department has distributed over 1,000 flyers throughout all city parks regarding the Pooper Scooper Ordinance.

Take our Daughters and Sons to Work Day – Nearly 150 children participated in this year's event that exposed children between the ages of 7 – 12 to many of the services provided by the City of Miami Beach. Most City Departments participated in one way or another with most hosting a workshop that provided the children with information to help them understand the many areas within a municipality necessary to provide goods and services.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please feel free to contact me.